

Appl. No. 10/692,557
Amdt. Dated 8/17/2005
Response to Office action dated 3/24/2005

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the March 24, 2005 Office Action claims 12-14 and 16-22 were allowed. Claims 31 and 32 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but deemed allowable if rewritten in independent form; method claims 37-40 were withdrawn as being directed to a non-elected invention; and claims 1-4, 6-11, 23-26, 28-30 and 33-36 were rejected. (New claim 41 presented in the amendment filed February 3, 2005, was not acted upon.) Claims 5, 15 and 27 were previously canceled.

Responsive to the Office Action, rejected and withdrawn claims 1-4, 6-11, 23-26, 28-30 and 33-40, as well as new claim 41, have been canceled. The cancellation of those claims is without prejudice or disclaimer of their subject matters. In addition, dependent claims 31 and 32 indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form, have been so rewritten.

Accordingly, allowed claims 12-14 and 16-22, along with rewritten dependent claims 31 and 32 remain in the case.

Applicant submits that the application is now in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully requested. If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned

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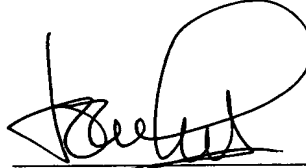
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attorney at (805) 373-0060 to discuss the steps necessary to
place the application in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Louis A. Mok', is written over a horizontal line.

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